

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested. Currently, claims 1-4, 6-10 and 20-21 are pending in this application.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103:

Claims 1-6 and 10-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Koreeda (U.S. '137). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

For a reference to anticipate a claim, each element must be found, either expressly or under principles of inherency, in the reference. Koreeda fails to disclose each element of the claimed invention. For example, Koreeda fails to disclose “an association data store storing association data associating each product description with specified data in said enterprise capability store; and a product fulfilment data store controller arranged in operation to store a product description in said product fulfilment data store only when said enterprise capability store includes the specified data associated with said product description by said association data,” as required by independent claim 1 and its dependents. Koreeda also fails to disclose “selectively storing a product description in said product fulfilment data store by examining said association data to identify said associated specified data, and storing said product description only on said specified data being found in said enterprise capability store,” as required by

independent claim 10. These features are supported by, for example, pages 19-25 of the specification.

Koreeda nowhere discloses that the storage of a first data item should be dependent on the presence of a second data item. In particular, there is no teaching or suggestion in Koreeda that association data should be stored which indicates on which data item(s) the storage of the first data item should depend. In contrast to the teachings of Koreeda, claims 1 and 10 require product description in product fulfilment data as data dependent on the presence of required data, the required data being enterprise capability data specified as part of association data.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that still pending claims 1-4, 6 and 10 are not anticipated by Koreeda and respectfully requests that the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) be withdrawn.

Claims 7-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being unpatentable over Koreeda in view of Blinn et al (U.S. '622, hereinafter "Blinn"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Since claims 7-9 depend at least indirectly from claim 1, all of the comments made above with respect to Koreeda as applied to claim 1 apply equally to claims 7-9. Applicant submits that Blinn fails to remedy the above described deficiencies of Koreeda. Applicant submits that claims 7-9 are not "obvious" over Koreeda in view of Blinn and therefore respectfully requests that the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. §103 be withdrawn.

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New Claims:

New claims 20-21 have been added to provide additional protection for the invention. These claims depend from independent claim 1 and are thus allowable for at least the reasons discussed above.

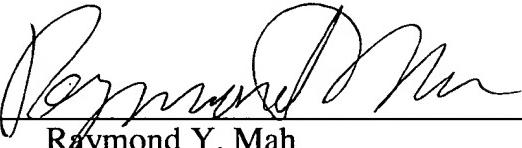
Conclusion:

Applicant believes that this entire application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests a notice to this effect. If the Examiner has any questions or believes that an interview would further prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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